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SUBJECT: MINISTER OF JUSTICE CLAIMS ALL OAS BODIES WELCOME IN
CHILE

1. "EL MERCURIO" OCTOBER 25 CARRIED UPI STORY FROM WASHINGTON REPORTING A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD BY MIN JUSTICE MIGUEL SCHWEITZER IN WHICH HE STRESSED THAT, IF NEXT OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY WERE HELD IN SANTIAGO, ALL SUBSIDIARY ORGANIZATIONS OF INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM WOULD ALSO BE WELCOME. "THIS WOULD ALLOW ALL OAS AGENCIES TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN CHILE." SCHWEITZER IS QUOTED AS EXPLICITLY INCLUDING OAS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WITHIN THIS DEFINITION; "THEY WOULD NOT BE DENIED ENTRY." HE DID STRESS, HOWEVER, THAT GOC WOULD ACCEPT NO "PRIOR CONDITIONS" FOR HOLDING MEETING IN SANTIAGO, APPARENTLY A REFERENCE TO NY TIMES STORY THAT USG IS CONDITIONING ITS ATTENDANCE IN SANTIAGO ON IMPROVEMENT IN CHILEAN HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION.

2. COMMENT: ASSUMING UPI VERSION OF WHAT SCHWEITZER SAID IS CORRECT, IT MAY PROVIDE A USEFUL PEG FOR FUTURE DISCUSSIONS. IF OAS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION IS TO BE PRESENT DURING A PRESUMPTIVE OASGA IN SANTIAGO, DOOR MIGHT JUST CONCEIVABLY BE OPENED FOR FURTHER INTERNATIONAL PERUSAL OF CHILE'S HUMAN RIGHTS RECORDS AND PLANS -- IN A WAY WHICH WOULD NOT REQUIRE A HUMILIATING GOC BACKDOWN.
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